

Timeline

Joint Task Force Guantanamo

Safe, Humane, Legal, Transparent



Prior to the Joint Task Force

1992: Operation Sea Signal established to prepare for a mass migration of refugees from Haiti and Cuba.

1994: Operation Sea Signal led to the creation of Joint Task Force 160.

- Responsible for housing and processing more than 40,000 migrants awaiting repatriation or parole to the U.S.
- Camp X-Ray established to segregate migrants who had committed serious crimes such as theft, assault and battery, prostitution and black-market activities from U.S. civilians and military service members at Guantanamo.

1996: Operation Sea Signal comes to an end.

- Camp X-Ray abandoned.

2001 September: World Trade Center, Pentagon and United Flight 93 Terrorist Attacks.

2001 December: Joint Task Force 160 reactivated.

- Camp X-Ray prepared as a temporary location for detention operations.

2002 January: The first detainees are brought to Guantanamo Bay and housed in Camp X-Ray.

- The International Committee of the Red Cross makes its first visit six days later.
- ICRC continues quarterly visits.

2002 February: Joint Task Force 170 is created as the intelligence task force to work side-by-side with Joint Task Force 160.

2002 April: Construction completed on the new 410-bed Camp Delta (Camps 1, 2, 3).

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2002 April: Detainees are moved from the temporary Camp X-Ray facility to Camp Delta, a more permanent detention center. Camp X-Ray is closed.

2002 November: Joint Task Force 160 and 170 merged to create the Joint Task Force Guantanamo that exists today.

2003 February: Opening of Camp 4.

- Provides communal living to allow compliant detainees broader freedom.

2004 May: Opening of Camp 5.

- First modern state-of-the-art facility.

2004 August: Camp Echo complete.

- Currently used as a legal visitation center.

2006 October: Camp Iguana occupied.

- Provides communal living designated for Court Ordered Released detainees.

2006 October: Camp 6 construction complete

- Maximum security facility modeled after others in the U.S.

2006 December: Opening of Camp 6.

2008 March: Expeditionary Legal Complex completed.

2009 January: Executive order signed by President Barack Obama directs determination of appropriate disposition of detainees in order to facilitate closure of the detention facility.

2010 June: Rear Adm. Jeffrey Harbeson becomes Commander, JTF Guantanamo.